In the Claims

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims are set forth below, whether or not an amendment is made. Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of generating keys for object(s) in a Web Services arrangement, comprising:

determining if [[an]] at least one object based on at least one of a plurality of Universal Description, Discovery and Integration (UDDI) objects has a defined first key;

if the at least one object has a defined first key, providing that defined first key for the at least one object; and

if the at least one object does not have a defined first key, providing a second key for the at least one object.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein a UUID (Universally Unique Identified) algorithm is used to provide the second key for the at least one object.

3.   (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein each key is unique.

4.   (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the second key provided is monotonically increasing.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein each object of the plurality of UDDI objects has at least one of a defined key and a second key.

6.   (Currently Amended) A computer recording medium including computer executable code for generating keys for object(s) in a Web Services arrangement, comprising:

code for determining if [[an]] at least one object based on at least one of a plurality of Universal Description, Discovery and Integration (UDDI) objects has a defined first key;

code for, if the at least one object has a defined first key, providing that defined first key for the object; and

code for, if the at least one object does not have a defined first key, providing a second key for the object.

7.   (Currently Amended) The computer recording medium as recited in claim 6, wherein a UUID (Universally Unique Identified) algorithm is used to provide the second key for the at least one object.

8.   (Original) The computer recording medium as recited in claim 6, wherein each key is unique.

9.   (Original) The computer recording medium as recited in claim 6, wherein the second key provided is monotonically increasing.

10.   (Currently Amended) The computer recording medium as recited in claim 6, wherein each object of the plurality of UDDI objects has at least one of a defined key and a second key.

11. (New) <u>The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the plurality of UDDI objects comprises a Business Entity object, a Business Service Object, a Binding Template Object, a Publisher Assertion Object, and a TModel object.</u>

12. (New) <u>The computer recording medium as recited in claim 6, wherein the plurality of UDDI objects comprises a Business Entity object, a Business Service Object, a Binding Template Object, a Publisher Assertion Object, and a TModel object.</u>